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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9069
INFO DIA WASHDC
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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: PINS, UR
SUBJ: SOVIET TRAVEL FREEZE

REF: A. STATE 98709 B. MOSCOW 5780

1. SUGSEQUENT TO REFTEL B, EMBASSY FILED FOR FOLLOWING TRIPS:
DATE FILED DATE TRAVEL TO COMMENCE DESTINATION
MAY 21 MAY 26 ZAGORSK, PERESLAVL, ROSTOV, YAROSLAVL
MAY 21 MAY 25 LENINGRAD ( 2)
MAY 21 MAY 25 ZAGORSK
MAY 21 MAY 26 RIGA, VILNIUS
MAY 23 MAY 31 NOVOSIBIRSK, CHITA, KHABAROVSK, IRKUTSK, TASHKENT
MAY 23 MAY 27 ZAGORSK
MAY 24 MAY 27 VOLOGDA
MAY 24 MAY 28 KALININ
MAY 24 MAY 29 KAZAN, UFA
MAY 24 MAY 26 KIEV

2. NORMAL PROCEDURE IS FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
COMMUNICATE ONLY TURNDOWNS TO EMBASSY. ABSENCE OF COMMUNICATION
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( WHICH MAY ARRIVE AS LATE AS CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DAY PRECEDING DEPARTURE, SOMETIME EVEN LATER) CONSTITUTES APPROVAL. ON THIS BASIS, APPROVAL FOR ALL TRIPS LISTED ABOVE STILL PENDING AT THIS TIME. IN CASE OF ONE LENINGRAD TRIP SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25 ( WENICH), MFA HAS ASSURED US IT WOULD BE APPROVED. WHEN QUERIED ON MAY 24 REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR APPROVAL OF RIGA- VILNIUS TRIP, MFA TRAVEL OFFICER ADVISED IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROVED. EMBASSY WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY OF MFA ACTION ON PARA 1 REQUESTS.

3. IN SEPARATE CATEGORY, ACGD OFFICER LENINGRAD WERE PERMITTED TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ( GLEYSTEEN, SCHORER) AND TO KIZHI- PETROZAVODSK ( BARRY) SUBSEQUENT REFTEL B.

4. IN INTERIM SINCE REFTEL B, DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WAS TURNED DOWN ON ONE NOTE FILED FOR VOLOGDA, ACTION ON TWO OTHER TRAVEL NOTES ( ONE FOR LENINGRAD, THE OTHER FOR BOAT TRIP ON SAIMA CANAL VYBORG- LENINGRAD- WITH RETURN TO MOSCOW) STILL PENDING.

5. REGARDING PARAGRAPH C OF REFTEL A, AS BEST EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE , TRAVEL BAN AFFECTS ALL EMBASSIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE RELATIONS. IN THREE INSTANCES WHEN OTHER EMBASSIES RECEIVED TRAVEL PERMISSION SUBSEQUENT TO MAY 21 SEPCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILED. IN ONE INSTANCE, WEST GERMANS WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME INITIAL MFA DISAPPROVAL OF TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD BY DOCUMENTING THEIR TRAVELERS AS DIPLOMATIC DOURIER TO CONSULATE THERE.
FRNECH EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR VISITING GENERAL OFFICER AND EMBASSY ATTACHE ESCORT TO TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD. WHEN FRENCH PROTESTED AND THREATENED RETALIATION, SOVIETS RELENTED AND PERMITTED TRAVEL ON CONDITION THAT PLANE AND NOT TRAIN BE USED. BRITISH WERE ABLE TO SEND ONE OFFICER TO KIEV THIS EEK IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRADE EXHIBIT AFTER INITIAL TURNDOWN.

6. BY AND LARGE, EMBASSY INQUIRES TO MFA CONTACTS ERE NOT PRODUCTIVE OF INFORMATION RESPONSIVE TO PARA D OF REFTEL A. ON MAY 24 MFA TRAVEL OFFICER ( SEMYONOV) CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT " TEMPORARY TRAVEL BAN" EXISTS AND THAT NUMEROUS EMBASSIES HAD APPROACHED MFA ON SUBJECT. HE ASSERTED THAT BAN APPLIES
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CLY TO " SOME CITEIS" BUT DECLINED NAME OTHER CITIES WHICH OPEN. HE DESCRIBED DURATION OF BAN AS " HOPEFULLY, SHORT." HE SAID HE WAS NOT " AUTHORIZED" TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REASONS FOR BAN AT THIS TIME.

7. WEST GERMANS INFORM US THAT THEIR INQUIRY TO MFA ELICITED EQUALLY MEAGER RESPONSE. THEIR CONTACT DID ASSERT, HOWEVER,

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THAT REASONS FOR BAN "  WERE NOT POLITICAL BUT TECHNICAL."  FROM
CONTEXT,
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